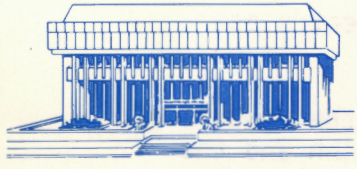


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## ESTELLENE P. WALKER TO RETIRE

Estellene P. Walker, State Librarian, will retire on June 30. Since 1946, she has headed the State Library agency which is responsible for the extension and improvement of library service in the state. Under her administration, statewide public library service has been established giving all of the people of the state direct access to library service both in metropolitan centers and remote rural areas.

When Miss Walker came to the state, forty-four percent of the state's population had no library service. Today that figure has been reduced to zero. In 1946 there were fewer than 650,000 books in all of the public libraries in the state; today there are nearly four million. That is a per capita bookstock increase from .3 to 1.46, achieved during a population increase of thirty-six percent.

The excellent library service program in South Carolina places the state in a leadership position among other states in the Southeast as well as the nation. Few states have achieved the level of service comparable to South Carolina's where every citizen has public library service. The State Library building on Senate Street in Columbia was planned, built and equipped under Miss Walker's guidance.

Miss Walker fostered a steady increase in State Aid to county libraries. Originally set at \$300 annually per county, State Aid is now funded at 50¢ per capita, and grants range from McCormick's \$2,784 to Charleston's \$87,578. Public library income from all sources has increased from \$274,000 annually to over \$10.5 million.

A major responsibility has been the administration, planning, and supervision of federal aid to libraries under the Library Services and Construction Act. Since its passage in 1956, South Carolina has received nearly \$13 million which has been invested in new buildings, books, and magazines, personnel, equipment and in a cooperative network of libraries sharing their resources to meet information needs of all people of the state. Library service has been established in all State institutions and a special library is operated for service to the blind and physically handicapped.

A native of Virginia, Miss Walker graduated from the University of Tennessee and two years after earned a graduate degree in library science from Emory University.



She began her career at Lawson-McGhee Library in Knoxville, Tennessee as Head of Extension Service. From 1941-1945, she was Post Librarian at Fort Jackson and was sent before the end of the war to the European Theatre as Materials Supply Librarian for the Army Library Program.

Miss Walker is a member of the South Carolina Committee for the Humanities. She is past president of both the South Carolina Library Association and the American Association of State Libraries. A member of the Southeastern Library Association and the American Library Association, she has served on various committees within both groups. She is listed in Who's Who in America.

She served as a South Carolina delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth in both 1950 and 1960.

Former Governor John West, commemorating her twenty-fifth anniversary as State Librarian, conferred on her the Order of the Palmetto. She received the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature from Presbyterian College in 1975 and of Doctor of Humanities from Lander College in 1979.

Miss Walker will continue to live in Columbia.

#### STATE LIBRARIAN RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE

Miss Estellene P. Walker, State Librarian, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities from Lander College during its 108th commencement exercises held in Greenwood. The degree was presented jointly by Dr. Larry A. Jackson, Lander President, and Professor Ann Hare, Director of the Lander Library, to Miss Walker in recognition of her lifelong contribution to library development in South Carolina.

The citation accompanying the presentation read in part, "Because of your untiring efforts, our precious heritage is now accessible to literally thousands of South Carolina citizens who previously lived remote from any significant book collection. Your personal goal to enlighten and humanize life in this state parallels the goals of Lander College and we are proud that you will join the ranks of our alumni today."

Miss Walker has been Director of the South Carolina State Library since 1946 and is one of only two women to head a state agency.

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The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies and the Public Library Association are jointly sponsoring a program on "Multi-type Library Cooperation in Action" during the ALA Conference in Dallas on Sunday, June 24. Participants will be given the opportunity to attend three round-table discussions out of fourteen discussion groups that are being held. Resource persons from multi-type library cooperatives will be on hand to offer practical advice. Among the topics being offered are financing, governance, cooperative reference, contracts/agreements, and access/interlibrary loans, etc...



### NEW CHILDREN'S CONSULTANT AT STATE LIBRARY

Jane Elizabeth Gardner will fill the newly created position of Field Service Librarian for Children's Services at the South Carolina State Library beginning June 22. A graduate of the graduate library program at the University of Washington in Seattle, Miss Gardner received her undergraduate degree from Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. She has previously served as Youth Services Coordinator at the Yakima Valley Regional Library in Yakima, Washington, and earlier as Children's Coordinator of the North Central Library District in Pennsylvania. She has most recently been involved as an editorial assistant at the School of Librarianship at Polytechnic of North London where she assisted in editing articles for a reference book on children's literature.

As part of her duties in the new consulting position, Miss Gardner will be working with public library administrators and children's librarians in planning and upgrading children's services. She will be involved in developing children's programs and continuing education programs for children's services personnel and in selecting and evaluating children's materials.

### PUBLICLY-FUNDED LIBRARIES EXEMPT FROM SALES TAX ON PERIODICALS

The South Carolina State Library recently received notification from the South Carolina Attorney General's Office that the South Carolina Tax Commission has ruled that periodicals purchased by publicly supported libraries are exempt from sales and use tax. According to Robert C. Wasson, Chairman of the South Carolina Tax Commission, "The South Carolina Tax Commission takes the position that periodicals purchased by public supported State, County, and/or Regional Libraries are exempt under the provisions of Section 12-35-550 (29) of the Code from the sales and use tax."

For several years, the State Library has been involved in securing a tax-exempt status for publicly funded libraries in the matter of periodicals.

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"The Great Christmas Kidnapping Caper" by Jean Van Leeun was announced the winner of the 1979 South Carolina Children's Book Awards Program during the spring convention of the South Carolina Association of School Librarians. Students in grades 4 - 8 voted for their favorite books from a list of twenty fiction books published within the last five years. A Books Awards Committee composed of librarians and parents drew up the list of nominated titles.



## STATE AID AND LSCA PROGRAMS TO BE TOPICS OF PUBLIC LIBRARY MEETING

The South Carolina State Library is sponsoring a meeting for county and regional librarians on August 1 and 2, 1979 at the Carolina Town House in Columbia to discuss the State Aid and LSCA programs. Information about LSCA and State Aid, including regulations, administrative procedures, definitions, policies, etc., will be examined. The 1979 long-range program and annual program for use of Library Service and Construction Act funds will be reviewed, along with discussion of future plans. The first day's activities will be devoted to LSCA while the second day will concentrate on State Aid.

Representation at the meeting will be a pre-requisite for participation in FY '80 LSCA projects; therefore, all county and regional directors are asked to attend. Also library staff members involved directly with LSCA projects and/or bookkeepers are invited to participate. Registration forms were mailed to public libraries at the end of May.

## LABOR-HEW APPROPRIATIONS

Markup on the FY 1980 Labor-HEW Appropriations bill was completed by the House Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee on May 16. The committee voted unanimously not to release figures until June 4, the date of the full Appropriations Committee markup. While no official figures are available, the ALA Washington Office believes that most library programs are being held at the FY 1979 levels which would represent a considerable improvement over President Carter's budget.

## LSCA REGULATIONS

Final regulations for the Library Services and Construction Act were published in the April 23, 1979 Federal Register (pages 23843-51). The regulations, which take effect June 13, implement the changes made by the Library Services and Construction Act Amendments of 1977 (FL 95-123). In addition, "The wording of the entire final regulations has been revised and simplified to make them easier to read and understand." Changes made by the 1977 amendments include an additional emphasis on strengthening major urban resource libraries. Other new provisions include the requirement that federal funds spent for administration be matched with state or other non-federal funds, and that the base year for meeting maintenance of effort requirements for services for handicapped and institutionalized persons be changed to the second preceding fiscal year.

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Jim Johnson, Director of the South Carolina State Library Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, has been appointed to a two-year term on the Blind and Physically Handicapped Standards Review Committee of ALA's Association of Special and Cooperative Library Agencies.



## OCCUPATIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEM AT CHARLESTON AND RICHLAND COUNTY LIBRARIES

At the suggestion of the South Carolina State Library, a new and unique occupational information service is now available at the Charleston County and Richland County Libraries. The South Carolina Occupational Information System (SCOIS) is a computerized system offering up-to-date career, occupational, and educational information. SCOIS represents a cooperative effort on the part of several state agencies including the Department of Education's Vocational Education Division, the South Carolina Employment Security Commission, the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the South Carolina State Employment and Training Council.

The information is being delivered free of charge via either computer terminal or microfiche. Users of either system have access to six data files: occupations, descriptions of colleges and technical schools in the country, college majors and school subjects as they relate to occupations, apprenticeship programs and military training opportunities in terms of occupational areas.

Future plans call for linking SCOIS to the automated Job Bank and Job Match Systems currently in use at Job Service Offices throughout the state. The system is only one of nine similar systems in the nation and the second to be developed in the southeast.

## ARCHIVAL WORKSHOP

The College of Charleston will sponsor a Southeastern Workshop on the Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials on October 10-12, 1979. Conducted by Mr. George Cunha, Director Emeritus of the New England Document Conservation Center, the workshop will feature lectures, discussions, and demonstrations. Topics to be covered include the history of paper and paper-making, enemies of library materials and their control, and repair and restoration practices. Librarians, archivists, and bookdealers are invited to attend. For further information, contact Dr. Ralph Milnick, Archivist, Robert Scott Small Library, College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina 29401. Participation will be limited to 100.

## LIBRARY ADDITION AT BOB JONES

Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new \$2.3 million addition to the J. S. Mack Library at Bob Jones University were held on May 1. The two-floor addition, designed by Craig, Gaulden and Davis Architects, will add 88,000 square feet. The building expansion will feature an energy-saving ceiling system which will be intergrated with the lighting and heating. General contractor for the project is Potter-Shackford Construction Company.

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The Office of Information and Resources for the Handicapped, U. S. Department of HEW, has published a "Pocket Guide to Federal Help for the Disabled Person." The publication outlines the general scope of Federal support for services to the handicapped. The guide is available for \$1.00 from the U. S. Superintendent of Documents (Stock no. 017-000-00216-3)



## NATIONAL LIBRARY ACT

The National Library Act, a legislative proposal initiated by the National Citizens Emergency Committee to Save Our Public Libraries, was introduced May 14 as a study bill, S. 1124, by Senators Jacob Javits (R-NY) and Edward Kennedy (D-MA). The National Citizens Emergency Committee was founded in 1976 in response to the crisis in library funding; Whitney North Seymour, Jr., a New York Public Library Trustee, is Secretary. The proposal is also endorsed by the Urban Libraries Council. Introduced "to provide a focal point for debating the key issues for proposed new library legislation in connection with the White House Conference on Library and Information Services, "S. 1124 would replace the Library Services and Construction Act with an expanded program of aid to public libraries administered by a new national library agency with a presidentially-appointed director and board.

The bill would provide for direct financial assistance to public libraries for operating expenses on a matching 20 percent federal, 50 percent state, 30 percent local basis. In additional titles of the bill, it would continue public library construction assistance, establish grants for services to special constituencies, assist interlibrary cooperation including development and maintenance of library and information networks, and fund special training programs for library personnel to supplement HEA II-B programs.

According to Sen. Javits (see May 14 Congressional Record, pp. S5789-5800, daily edition), "these and other issues will not be finally resolved until after there has been an opportunity to discuss them fully at the White House conference. Our objective in filing this bill is to help stimulate such discussion and give it focus. Every provision of the bill is subject to deletion, revision, refinement, or expansion after the members of the general public and the library community have had a full opportunity to be heard."

## EDGAR PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Proposed regulations which will replace the General Provisions for Office of Education Program Regulations, implement changes to the General Education Provisions Act required by the Education Amendments of 1978 (PL 95-561), and consolidate common elements from all Education Division Program Regulations, were published in the May 4, 1979 Federal Register (pages 26298-26400). Called the Education Division General Administrative Regulations, or EDGAR, they apply to direct grant and state-administered programs, but not to fellowship programs or student financial assistance except for all EDGAR definitions which apply to all Education Division Programs.

Certain policy issues have been identified on which public comments are particularly desired. The options considered are given, including the option adopted in the proposed regulations. These issues are: (1) affirmative action, (2) participation of private school children, (3) general selection criteria for direct grant program, (4) copyright policy, and (5) cooperative agreements. Only a limited number of copies of the proposed regulations are currently available, but it is expected that more will be printed. For further information or to submit comments which are due by July 3, contact: Dr. Marcel DuVall, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. (Room 508, Reporters Building), Washington, D. C. 20202 (202-472-7773).



## FILM DAMAGE FROM HEAT

A reminder to librarians using films or filmstrips during the summer months. If you transport films or filmstrips in a vehicle, remember not to leave them inside the vehicle or in the trunk during hot, daylight hours. Films and filmstrips must be kept cool-the safety zone is between 55° and 74°. Excessive heat (75° and above) causes irreversible color fading.

## NEWS OF TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS GROUPS

The Friends of the Beaufort County Library sponsored a "Great Balloon Race" on May 5, 1979 as part of Beaufort's waterfront festival. Postcards attached to balloons were released. Prizes were then awarded for the balloon covering the greatest distance and for the first postcard to arrive at the library.

The Friends of the Florence County Library sponsored a book sale at the library on May 5.

The Friends of the Spartanburg County Library held their second membership meeting on May 1. Dr. John Stevenson, Professor at Converse College, discussed author Walker Percy.

The Spartanburg County Friends of the Library sponsored a book sale on May 18 at a local shopping mall. All proceeds went to the library.

New members to the Williamsburg County Library Board are: Hannie Cooper, Gloria Pressley, and Bernice Williamson.

Mrs. Corrie Colter is a new member to the York County Library board.

## BEST WISHES

To Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Claypool who were married in May. Mrs. Calypool, formerly Margaret D. Munn, is a branch librarian with the Richland County Public Library.

To Mr. & Mrs. Phillip E. Dreher who were married in May. Mrs. Dreher, the former Jeanette Hair, is an assistant reference librarian with the Richland County Public Library.

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**CORRECTION:** On page 8 of the May, 1979 newsletter, new officers were incorrectly identified for the Richland County Public Library Board of Trustees. The persons listed are officers of the Board of the Friends of the Richland County Public Library.



## PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES

*Florence County:* A representative of the Soil Conservation Service conducted a program on "Invite Birds to Your Home" at the library in May. Methods of attracting certain species of birds were discussed. The library hosted a literacy workshop sponsored by the Florence County Literacy Council on April 30 - May 2. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants were certified to teach people to read.

*Georgetown County:* The library participated in the Lowland Fling Celebration by displaying award-winning books under the Southern Books Competition. The annual competition, sponsored by the Southeastern Library Association, recognizes excellence in bookmaking. The library's bookmobile served both as exhibit and exhibitior at the Murrells Inlet Outdoor Arts and Crafts Festival held at Huntington Beach State Park, April 27-29. Music was broadcasted by the bookmobile's public address system, while visitors to the van viewed an exhibit of arts and crafts books, and audio visual equipment.

*Greenville County:* The library staged its second annual teenage fashion show on May 10 under the direction of the Young Adult Librarian. Refreshments were provided by the Friends of the Library.

*Kershaw County:* The library sponsored a series of audio-visual presentations on children and books during May. Films emphasizing story-telling techniques, famous children's authors and suggestions for introducing children to literature were shown to parents over a three-week period. The library recently changed its address from a post office box number to 1304 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina 29020.

*Laurens County:* In observance of Senior Citizens Month, the library held several special programs of interest both to senior citizens and the general public. Events included an art exhibit, quilting demonstrations, blood pressure clinic, and "Remembering School Days" programs.

*Lee County:* The library hosted an open house to allow visitors to view the renovations to the library building located in Bishopville on May 31.

*Marion County:* The Nichols Branch Library was recently expanded, financed by \$28,000 in revenue sharing funds. The library has recently sponsored programs on such topics as running, flower arranging, art, and Black heritage. A recent book discussion sponsored by the library featured a talk by Jean Hoggard of the local mental health center on self-confidence.

*Orangeburg County:* The Mentor Library in Elloree recently became a new branch of the library system. During May, a tri-party agreement was signed by the Elloree mayor, the Mentor Book Club president, and the Orangeburg County Library Board Chairman to incorporate the library into the county library system.

*Richland County:* The library presented puppet plays for the Special Olympics held at Fort Jackson in May. Library services, including reference, Quest, and talking books, were discussed on WQXL-Radio's "Senior Scene" on April 18 and 20.



ALA CONFERENCE

The 98th annual conference of the American Library Association will be held at Dallas, June 23-29. 11,000 persons are expected to participate in the record-breaking 1800 meetings, workshops, and social events. Some of the celebrities who will headline programs during the conference include Nobel Laureate Issac Bashevis Singer, economist John Kenneth Galbraith, author James Michener and author/commentator Shana Alexander.

ALA PUBLICATIONS

The following titles have recently been published or distributed by the American Library Association and can be ordered from: Order Department, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Book Bait: Detailed Notes on Adult Books Popular with Young People. Elinor Walker, compiler, Third edition. 1979. Paper \$4.00.

Funding Alternatives for Libraries by Patricia S. Breivik and E. Burr Gibson. 1979. Paper, \$9.00

Where's That Rule? A Cross Index of the Two Editions of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules by Ronald Haglen. Published by the Canadian Library Association, 1979. Paper, \$5.00.

GIFTS

The Calhoun Falls Lions Club presented \$4,000 to the Calhoun Falls branch of the Abbeville County Library. The donation will be used towards the library's expansion and remodeling project. The library branch was also presented with a \$2,500 challenge grant from the Self Foundation in Greenwood for the building project. The grant will be awarded upon being matched by \$7,500 from other sources.

CAROLINIANA

Johnson, Barbara Ferry. Homeward winds the river. Avon, 1979. 471 p. \$2.50. Sequel to novel, Delta Blood. Author is resident of Columbia.

Rubin, Louis D., Jr. The boll weevil and the triple play. Charleston: Tradd Street Press, 1979. Limited signed edition. 23 p. \$5.00. Nostalgic piece set in Charleston.

Shelnutt, E. The love child. Black Sparrow Press, P.O. Box 3993, Santa Barbara, California 93105. 1979. 157 p. \$4.95. Author is originally from Spartanburg. Collection of short stories.

Three Rivers Historical Society. Index to reminiscences of Williamsburg County by Samuel D. McGill. \$3.00. Orders to: Three Rivers Historical Society, Post Office Box 32, Hemingway, South Carolina 29554. Indexes over 20,000 Williamsburg County names.

Verner, Elizabeth O'Neill. Mellowed by time. Third edition. Charleston: Tradd Street Press, 1979. 81 p. \$12.00.



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